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**Statement on the Agenda Items of the Provisional Agenda of the One
Hundred and Fifth Session of the Executive Council by
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AGENDA ITEM NINE – Countering Chemical Terrorism

Mr. Chairperson,

Mr. Director-General,

Distinguished Ambassadors and Delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good morning,

- First of all, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Ambassador Mr. Lucian Fatu of Romania for your continuous leadership and guidance in the Executive Council and preparation of this session.
- I also extend my heartfelt congratulations to Ambassador Mr. Andres Teran Parral of Ecuador on your nomination as the Chairperson of the

Executive Council. I am confident that, under your capable leadership and wisdom, this crucial international organization will continue its dedicated efforts towards the universalisation of the CWC.

- This intervention marks my third participation as a dedicated observer in the Executive Council Meeting in my capacity as the Permanent Representative of Myanmar to the OPCW. I, therefore, would like to thank to the OPCW Director General Ambassador Mr. Fernando Arias, DDG and the TS for their impartial arrangements in enabling all state parties to implement the CWC wholeheartedly at the national level.
- Allow me to be concise for the sake of time.

Mr. Chairperson,

- I take the floor to outline our national position including countering chemical terrorism in compliance with the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) and the OPCW's role in equipping state parties to overcome the potential challenges faced by the state parties in countering chemical terrorism.
- Myanmar has established a National Authority on the CWC, and the drafting of the Chemical Weapons Law is currently underway to effectively implement CWC provisions domestically.
- With that in mind, Myanmar actively participated in the National Legislative Review Forum organized by the OPCW on January 27, 2023, receiving support in evaluating national legislative and administrative frameworks and fulfilling obligations under the CWC.
- In the same vein, the Director General from the Ministry of Science and Technology, represented Myanmar at the 25th Annual Meeting of the

National Authorities of State Parties to the CWC in the Hague in November 2023.

- As a partner country of the EU Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Risk Mitigation Centres of Excellence Initiative (EU CBRN CoE), Myanmar is developing the National CBRN Action Plan in collaboration with EU CBRN CoE, and national CBRN Team members.
- Moreover, Myanmar is committed to global counter-terrorism efforts and actively involved in collaborative efforts with UNODC, and international counterparts.
- Recognizing the importance of enhancing the capacities of all State Parties, particularly developing countries, in countering chemical terrorism, Myanmar appreciates the OPCW's assistance in this area and would like to express our desire unequivocally to cooperate fully with the OPCW TS in countering chemical terrorism in the realm of the CWC.
- I would like to request that this statement to be published as an official document of the EC-105 session and on public website.

Thank you, Chairperson.
